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SUBJECT: SOUTHWEST MONSOON

1. MONSOON ACTIVITY DIMINISHED SLIGHTLY DURING
WEEK ENDING AUG 9. WEATHER ZONES RECEIVING NORMAL OR
ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL DECLINED TO 17 OUT OF 35,

TWO LESS THAN PRECEDING WEEK, TEMPO WAS MAINTAINED

IN NORTHERN AREA AND EASTERN PENINSULA.

FOR REST OF THE COUNTRY, PERFORMANCE WAS DEFICIENT TO SCANTY
RANGING FROM 21 PERCENT TO 99 PERCENT BELOW NORMAL.

2. BARRING EASTERN GUJARAT (MARGINALLY DEFICIENT),
CUMULATIVE RAINFALL SITUATION TO AUGUST 9 WAS
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NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL OVER ENTIRE COUNTRY.
WEATHER ZONES WHICH RECEIVED NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL
PRECIPITATION ACCOUNTED FOR 96 PERCENT OF TOTAL KHARIF
CEREAL PRODUCTION (COMPARED TO 94 PERCENT IN COMPARABLE PERIOD
OF 1977), USING DISTRIBUTION OF KHARIF PRODUCTION
DURING 1970-71, AS BASE.

3. PARTS OF UTTAR PRADESH, BIHAR AND PUNJAB CONTINUE
TO REEL UNDER FLOOD WATERS BUT NO OFFICIAL ASSESSMENT
OF FLOOD DAMAGE TO CROPS HAS BEEN MADE.

4. CUMULATIVE PRECIPITATION HAS GENERALLY BEEN
FAVORABLE OVER THE COUNTRY ALTHOUGH GUJARAT,
ORISSA AND CENTRAL MAHARASHTRA HAVE RECEIVED BELOW
NORMAL RAINFALL FOR THREE TO FOUR WEEKS
SUCCESSIVELY.

DEVIATIONS FROM THE NORMIN THESE STATES FOLLOWS:

	GUJARAT		CENTRAL	
WEEK-ENDING	EAST	WEST	ORISSA	MAHARASHTRA
JULY 19	MINUS 17	MINUS 76	MINUS 8 PERCENT	MINUS 72PERCENT
	PERCENT	PERCENT		
JULY 26	MINUS 55	MINUS 90	MINUS24 PERCENT	MINUS 38PERCENT
	PERCENT	PERCENT		
JAUG 2	MINUS 71	MINUS 66	MINUS38 PERCENT	MINUS69 PERCENT
	PERCENT	PERCENT		
AUG 9	MINUS 96	MINQS 97	MINUS40 PERCENT	MINUS 63PERCENT
	PERCENT	PERCENT		

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WITH THE STRETCH OF DRY WEATHER IN THE PEANUT
PRODUCING AREA OF WESTERN GUJARAT, RAINS ARE NEEDED
WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS TO AVOID ADVERSE
EFFECT ON POTENTIAL YIELDS.
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